



BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

Vol. 25.46 Thursday, November 14, 2019 Serving the Communities of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren **F R E E**

Terrance O'Neal arraigned for murder of wife

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Terrance O'Neal, 63, was arraigned by video at 34th District Court on Saturday on charges of second-degree murder and felony firearm in the shooting death of his wife Belinda, 62, at their home at 7020 Fay Dr. in Belle Pointe Estates in Van Buren Township.



Terrance O'Neal Although court-appointed attorney Jeffrey Bowdich asked for a reasonable bond since this is his client's first offense, the judge denied bond and O'Neal was remanded to the Wayne County Jail. His probable cause conference was set for Nov. 20 and his preliminary exam for Nov. 27 at 34th District Court.

He faces life in prison if found guilty of the murder charge and two years for the gun charge.

VBT police said witnesses told them both O'Neal and his wife were arguing and in the middle of the argument he allegedly shot her.

VBT Police said on Nov. 5 at 1:30 a.m., dispatch received a call from a man from out of the area stating his father who resides in VBT just called and told him he killed his mother.

VBT Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain said officers responded to the home and found the victim on the second floor deceased from what appeared to be a gunshot wound.

With assistance from the Michigan State Police and the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, O'Neal was located around 3 a.m. traveling westbound on I-94 in Berrien County and was taken into custody without incident.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Last Thursday morning during a light snowfall, workers from JD Chandler Roofing were finishing up the new metal roof for the Belleville Area District Library's new branch, a media center in the hexagon building across from the Sumpter Township Hall. Workers expected to have the roof done by the end of the day. The media center's ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, and then it will be open for business. The new chairs for the media center burned up in Friday's warehouse fire in Flat Rock, so they may have to borrow chairs for awhile.

BHS beats Woodhaven, wins District Championship

By Robert Mytych
Independent Sports Writer

Belleville High School varsity football advanced to the third round of the state football playoffs with a resounding 67-14 road victory over Brownstown Woodhaven on Nov. 8 to capture the district championship.

The Tigers improved to 11-0 and will face West Bloomfield, 10-1, this Saturday, Nov. 16, in the Division 1 Regional

Championship title game at 1 p.m. at BHS. Tickets are \$6 each and no passes will be honored at the gate.

Tiger quarterback Christian Dhue-Reid threw 13-for-17, 6 touchdown passes totaling 266 yards against Woodhaven. Belleville trailed 14-6 in the opening quarter before scoring 42 unanswered points in the second and pulled away thanks to three Warrior turnovers in the first half.

Belleville's defense shut down

Woodhaven's rushing game in the second half, which averaged over 300 yards per game all season.

The winner of this Saturday's game will take on the Brighton/Hudsonville winner next week at a neutral location in the state semi-finals.

The Tigers beat West Bloomfield last season, 13-10, in the regional championship title game before losing to Chippewa Valley in the semis.

VB School Board receives highest-level audit for 2018-19

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education accepted the financial audit of its 2018-19 fiscal year from Laura Payne of Taylor & Morgan CPAs and Business Advisors.

The district received an unmodified audit opinion, which is the highest level of assurance possible for the district's financial statements.

Because the snowstorm on Monday kept Payne from driving to Belleville from her Flint home, she came to the meeting via cell phone. School Supt. Pete Kudlak held the phone up to the microphone and Finance Director Sara Cortese changed the slides on the screen that coincided with Payne's words.

First, she congratulated Van Buren Public Schools for the success on their bond proposal, which she called a "win-win for the district" with a zero-rate tax increase and money coming for an early-childhood center.

"We're quite pleased, too," said School Supt. Kudlak.

Payne spoke of the changes in the

business office and, despite the changes, there was a clean audit.

"You have a great strength in your business office now, because you have a trained staff," Payne said.

School Board member Amy Pierce suggested the board applaud Finance Director Cortese and her first audit, which resulted in the highest rating. School Board President Keith Johnston also congratulated Cortese and her staff for a nice job and a clean audit.

The board and members of the audience clapped in appreciation.

The audit showed that the General Fund fund balance increased \$794,245 from

(continued on page 16)

*This Space On The Front Page
 Postal Regulations Require*

Quality Homes & Maintenance Services

Belleville, MI 48111



**Kitchens & Baths • Interior & Exterior Painting • Siding
Windows • Basements • Decks • Concrete
FLOORING! Tile, Ceramic, Carpet, Laminate, Hardwood**

31 YEARS EXPERIENCE



10% OFF KITCHENS & BATHROOMS

Rick Smith
Electrician
Builder

Licensed Insured

www.AQHMS.com **734-968-4509**

TOYS FOR TOTS

**AT THE BELLEVILLE INDEPENDENT,
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT NOON IS
THE LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS!**

**The Belleville Independent is a drop off location for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Bring in your new, unwrapped toy to our office at:
152 MAIN ST., SUITE 9, BELLEVILLE, MI**

We are located in the Professional Building (the old movie theater building) across from Mr. Goofy's Car Wash.

Affordable Rental Communities for Seniors

BELLEVILLE CO-OP

For over 73 years as a mission-driven non-profit, we exist solely to provide the highest quality, affordable housing communities possible for seniors.



575 Sumpter Rd, Belleville

Call leasing today to schedule a tour
734-699-8676
M-W-F 9am-Noon

- 100% Smoke free campus
- Individual heating & cooling
- Emergency in-unit pull cords
- Subsidized rent
- On-site laundry
- Transportation available

Interested? Call:
(800) 593-3052

www.csi.coop **TDD (800) 348-7011**



SERVING BELLEVILLE & SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN!

BARNETT

Roofing and Siding, Inc.

OVER 50 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Roofing • Siding • Flat Roofs

FREE ESTIMATES!

**Now Thru November 30, 2019
RECEIVE OUR CERTAINTEED ROOF 4-STAR
EXTENDED WARRANTY FOR FREE! CURRENT &
PAST MILITARY MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A
\$250 CABELAS GIFT CARD!**

Licensed & Insured

CALL (734) 397-8122

Visit us @ www.barnettroofing.com

41700 MICHIGAN AVE. – CANTON

FEEDING FAMILIES IN VAN BUREN, BELLEVILLE & SUMPTER

EMERGENCY

First United Methodist Church

417 Charles Street
Belleville, MI.
734-697-9288



Food Closet

Food distribution on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10AM – 1PM

ADVERTISE TODAY!
Buy 3 Ads, Get 1 FREE!
Call our Advertising Manager
Bob Mytych Today! 734-699-9020

**10% OFF TREE REMOVAL
OVER \$300 w/AD***



TREE SERVICE, INC.

Tree Removal • Tree Trimming
Tree Pruning • Brush Removal
Stump Grinding

**OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE
FULLY INSURED**

Free Estimates • Senior Discounts
No Tree Too Big, No Tree Too Small

734-753-5800
TNTTREE.COM

*ONLY VALID AT TIME OF ESTIMATE.



SUMPTER COLLISION

"A Family Tradition Since 1957"

James Chudzinski - Owner
Kevin Schewe - Manager

21585 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

734.699.7758
jim@sumptercollision.com
www.sumptercollision.com



*All Insurances Welcome
Ltd. Lifetime Guarantee
Onsite Rental Cars*

*R.V. Repair
Auto Glass
Motorcycle
& Watercraft*



See us on 



SECOND FRONT PAGE



Freya Halleck won first place as Little Bob Peep in the infant-3-year category, with Elijah Johns earning second as a gecko in the Belleville Halloween contest.



Abigailae Randall, right, won first place in the 10-12-year category as Sally. Maybelle Hart was second as a tree and Connor Milligan was third as Ash Williams.



Charli Gilbee, left, was first as Wednesday Adams in the 4-6-year category, with Ella June Hart, second, as a robot, and Avana Rodger third as a ladybug.



Kelley Popielarz won first place as Pennywise in the 13 years & up category. Brandon Joiner was second as Killer Clown and Dana Darrow was third as the Good Witch.



Allie Sopian, center, won first place in the 7-9-year category, with her Barbie in a Box. At right is Aprielle Hart who won second as Oscar, the Grouch and at left Colt Gilbee, won third as a zombie.



Independent photos by Bob Mytych
In the Family category, first place went to the Mama "D" Family, second place to the Battle Family, and third place to the IT Family.

OPINIONS

Editorial

First big snowfall of the season comes on Veterans Day

Many people in this area were surprised by Monday's six-inch-or-so snowstorm, although weathercasters had warned snow was coming.

But, this much snow? On Veterans Day? Janet Millard in our office had yet to find where she stashed her boots at home last season, so she came to work without boots. Others were taken unawares, as well.

The Veterans Day holiday left the Belleville City DPW at home, waiting for the four-inch trigger to plow. County trucks were not to be seen.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Veterans Day program at Belleville's Veterans Memorial was a bit sloppy because of the sleet and snow. About a dozen people came out anyway. VFW member Rick Dawson played Taps and Geof Bush sang the National Anthem solo as the snow continued to fall and fall.

People tried to clear their drives before the threatened freezing temperatures arrived which would turn everything to heavy ice.

At Monday's school board meeting, only two members to the public were present – the Independent and retired teacher Ginny Earns. The few others there were staff. Even the auditor, who was scheduled to give a report, called it in. The roads were terrible and cars were all over the place – tangled with each other and in ditches and front yards.

Welcome to winter.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We've been scoping things out for next year and have found that in 2020, a leap year, we will have 53 Thursdays, so our readers will get one more *Independent* than usual next year.

We received an interesting news release from Trine University, a private university located about 10 miles south of the Michigan state line in Angola, IN.

(I know Angola isn't far because both of my brothers and their girlfriends eloped to Angola when the girls were still in Belleville High School. Angola was the place to go in those days.)

Anyway, Trine University is offering the "Northern Neighbors Award" for Michigan students which provides \$2,400 annually toward tuition for Michigan residents, both newly enrolled and transfer students for fall 2020, seeking a traditional undergraduate degree.

The news release said this is to make up for Gov. Whitmer's veto of the Michigan Tuition Grant. Trine charges the same tuition rate to in-state and out-of-state students. To be eligible for the Northern Neighbors Award, Michigan students must apply and be admitted to a degree-seeking program and must submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by March 1.

On Friday we learned that all of the rest of the Kmart stores in Michigan will be closed by the end of the year – except for the one in Marshall. Our local, Van Buren Township Kmart already has its closing under way, with weekly full-page ads in the *Independent* announcing the price cuts.



Kmart also owns Sears. In the last 15 years, Sears and Kmart have closed more than 3,500 stores, cutting about 250,000 jobs nationwide.

A reader said he was in downtown Belleville over the weekend and noticed that the DDA sign at the corner of Main and High streets is brighter than the street lights. He found that very strange.

We remember a resident of Detroit who came to a Belleville City Council evening meeting commenting on how dark Belleville was. She said the street lights were so dim.

In Monday's issue of *The Detroit News* there was a story about unsafe bridges across the country and in Michigan. The Associated Press did an extensive study of federal and state records concerning the conditions of bridges in the U.S. In a listing of the 19 bridges in Michigan categorized as both high hazard and unsatisfactory condition, just one was named in Wayne County: French Landing Dam in Van Buren Township.

The 19 Michigan dams identified as high hazard and unsatisfactory condition make up 2% of the 1,028 dams in the state.

The *News* story said last May people in Huron Township, downriver from the dam on the Huron River, voiced concerns about the safety of the dam because of a high-flow warning due to heavy rain. But the Huron Township public safety department assured

them not to be concerned. If there ever is an emergency threat to the dam, residents were told, Huron Township officers would respond to the four homes that were identified as being affected and notify them of the danger.

The French Landing Dam is owned by Van Buren Township and operated by a private company, Eagle Creek.

According to its schedule on the internet, the lighted holiday train that goes through our area each year is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, Nov. 30. The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train stops in Windsor around 5:20 p.m. and then starts up again about 6:30 p.m. heading our way. Eventually it goes through Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville and other places in Michigan without stops. It is headed to the Chicago area and further northwest until it is back in Canada.

On Monday morning, during the first real snowfall of our winter, we heard at least three auto crashes reported on the scanner for fire department calls. All were said to be head-on collisions. The crashes were at Bemis and Martinsville, West Huron River Drive and Ormond Drive, and Belleville Road and Tyler Road. There probably were more, but those are the ones we heard.



www.bellevilleareaindependent.com
mail@bellevilleareaindependent.com

**BELLEVILLE - AREA
INDEPENDENT**

Established Dec. 3, 1994 First Edition Jan. 5, 1995

The Belleville-Area Independent is a free, weekly newspaper published each Thursday in Belleville, MI.

Editor: Rosemary K. Otzman
Home phone (NO ADS, PLEASE!): 697-1294

Advertising Manager: Bob Mytych

Sports Editor: Bob Mytych

Bookkeeper: James Otzman

Production Manager: James Otzman

Office Manager: Janet Millard

Business Manager: Gerald McKelvey

Editorial Cartoonist: Bob Mytych

Belleville Area Independent™ is a Trademark and is registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Reg. No. 3,751,670
Belleville Area Independent Holding Company, LLC
(Michigan Limited Liability Company)

152 Main St., Suite 9,
Belleville, MI 48111
734-699-9020
FAX 734-699-8962

The Independent is owned and operated by a Michigan Limited Liability Company made up of members of this community.

Member: Michigan Press Association

Entire contents of this paper is Copyrighted © 2019 - All rights reserved.

This paper is available free at sites throughout the community. To get the Independent delivered by mail, cost is \$30 per year for postage, Outside of Michigan - \$35 per year, outside of the USA - call. Also available free to download on our website.

Deadline for news & ads (see below) is Noon of every Monday. Deadline for ads smaller than 1/2 page is Noon Monday, and all advertising 1/2 page or larger is Noon Friday, with the exception of certain holiday weeks. Classified ad deadline is Noon of every Tuesday.

HALL RENTAL AVAILABLE

THE FAMILY FRATERNITY
Moose
Loyal Order of Moose • Women of the Moose • Moose Legion

Belleville Family Center # 934
45476 Harris Road
Belleville, MI 48111
bellevillemoose.com
moose934@yahoo.com

Weekday & Weekend Rates
Bartending Service Provided -
Catering Available -- Ask for Tiff!

Free Wi-Fi Hotspot!

734-325-7799
Members & Qualified Guests

Columbia Court Apartments

275 W. Columbia • Belleville

For 1 Bedroom & Studio Apartments Only.
Accepting Applications for Individuals 62 & Older
H.U.D. Guidelines Apply
A Senior Facility of National Church Residences
Affordable Housing • Sec 8-202

Minutes From Shopping, Freeways & Restaurants

734-697-8200

"Once you can accept the universe as matter expanding into nothing that is something, wearing stripes with plaid comes easy."
— Albert Einstein

Letters

Thank you for sending your love and prayers

To the editor:

I'm waiting to thank the many, many people sending me their love and prayers. Over a hundred cards and letters and hundreds of FB messages. Also, thanks to my friends at Garden Fantasy on Main Street.

My update is: I'm still fighting this cancer with all my will. I'm currently in my fourth cycle of chemo and scheduled for an updated prognosis Nov. 13 after the Nov. 11 C-Scan. I'll keep fighting and hope to see everybody in March of 2020 when Frosty Boy will reopen.

Special thanks for the lucky silver dollar left at the business. I keep it with me all the time.

Mike Foley
Frosty Boy

Tree of Remembrance ceremony set for Nov. 25

To the editor:

The winter and holidays are fast approaching us. The holidays are often seen as a joyous occasion and a chance to come together with friends and family.

But it can be a difficult time for anyone who is missing their deceased loved one. The prospect of facing the holidays without your loved one may cause anxiety and dread.

Whether your loved one died recently or decades ago, the holidays bring forth powerful memories that may trigger your grief. We would like to help you.

The David C. Brown Funeral Home and the Brown Family Center are again hosting our annual Tree of Remembrance Ceremony. This is a time to reflect and give honor to our loved ones during this holiday season. We invite you all on Monday, Nov. 25, to the Brown Family Center for this heartwarming ceremony.

There will be a time beforehand inside the Center for fellowship and refreshments starting at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. just outside the Center.

Because it is outside, please dress warmly. If you would like, please bring a weatherproof ornament in memory of your loved one. During the ceremony there will be a time in which you can decorate the tree with your ornament.

So, gather the family and come out Monday evening, Nov. 25, for a comforting ceremony to celebrate your loved one.

The Brown Family Center is two blocks east of the David C. Brown Funeral Home,

678 E. Huron River Dr., (734) 697-5090. Please keep in mind that we provide free grief support throughout the year at the Center, either individually or within a small group. Please call me at (734) 697-5090 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Patricia Monroe, Grief Counselor
Brown Family Center, Belleville

Donate to Belleville / Van Buren Goodfellows

To the editor:

As the holiday time of year draws ever near, we are reaching out to you as leaders of our community for donations to help the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows keep the promise of "No Child Without a Christmas." Without your support, we would not be able to serve even half of the families who received assistance last year.

We are a totally volunteer organization and spend countless hours putting together this endeavor. Every cent of your donation goes to the program and without your generous help none of this would be possible.

Christmas is brighter for hundreds of families because we all care. We supply things such as food (non-perishable items), new children's winter coats, and the nearest and dearest things are presents for each child from Santa. It is a great feeling to know that each and every one of us who are part of this is a Santa not only to our families, but also to countless others as well.

Your continued support is most important to this huge yearly undertaking. If you haven't made a donation to this community-wide effort before, we urge you to give serious consideration this year. Please, give 'til it helps!

We thank you in advance for your contribution and also want to thank you for the hundreds of children who still believe in Santa because of you.

Please make your donation out to the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows. Mail to 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111, Attn: Pam Fleming. You may also drop your donation off at the Van Buren Township Police Department, Attn: Pam Fleming.

Happy Holidays and all the best to you and yours in the coming year!

Pam Fleming, Goodfellows Coordinator

Director Greg Laurain, Co-Chair
Van Buren Township Police

Chief Hal Berriman, Co-Chair
City of Belleville Police

Don't Buy A Furnace Until You Call

STOP JAYCO COMFORT SYSTEMS

YOUR HEATING & COOLING FAMILY

Have You Been Turned Down for Credit? WE CAN HELP!
Credit Problems? Bankruptcy? **NO PROBLEM**
We can design a system and budget plan just for you.

180 Days Same As Cash
6 Mo. 0% Interest
No Payments

Furnace Installed
as low as **\$1075** HIGH EFFICIENCY

Furnace Installed
as low as **\$1650** SUPER HIGH EFFICIENCY
10 year parts and labor

For Free Estimates, Call
(313) 381-2800
20740 Ecorse Road, Taylor, MI 48180
FAMILY OWNED FOR OVER 38 YEARS!

FREE **A \$500 VALUE!**
Humidifier & Digital
Thermostat with Installation
of Furnace & Central Air!

DISCOUNTS FOR MILITARY, TEACHERS, CITY, STATE & COUNTY EMPLOYEES!

A+ Rating with TRANE, BBB

Belleville Tax & Accounting Service, Inc.

Criss, Wilmarth & Parr

Certified Public Accountants



Denise W. Baker, MSA, CPA Gayl Parr, CPA

Providing Services to Small Business and Individuals

- Small Business Accounting & Financial Statements
 - Payroll Services
 - Business and Personal Tax Returns
 - Small Business Advising and Start-Up Consultation
 - Quickbooks Training and Support
- Visit our website www.bellevilletaxservices.com

Call Us Today!
(734) 697-8000

All major credit cards accepted

152 Main Street
(in The Professional Building)
Belleville, MI 48111

DISCOVER VISA MasterCard IRS e-file

WE PUT THE AMEN TO CLEANING!

Amen SPARKLING Cleaning Service, LLC

- OFFICE
- RESIDENTIAL
- INSURED

313.258.3674

Read The Newspaper On The Web!

The Belleville-Area Independent Website is Online! Visit us @
bellevilleareaindependent.com

More Letters

Time to order Rotary wreathes, garlands

To the editor:

It's that time of the year again -- the Belleville Rotary Club is now conducting its annual Christmas Wreath, Garland and

Centerpiece Sale! This year, orders can be placed until Nov. 26, for pick up at the Wayne County Community College District Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd, Van Buren Township, on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 7:30-8 p.m.

Order forms are available at and can be submitted with payment to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Area District Library, RE/MAX Crossroads III on Main Street or any

Rotarian. Please make all checks payable to the Belleville Rotary Club or order online at <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/rotary-club-holiday-fundraiser-annual-wreath-sale-2138757038>. Proceeds support the Belleville Rotary Club's charitable and community service projects. Merry Christmas!
Rachel Kozlowski, president
Belleville Rotary Club

JOE'S APPLIANCES



WE SELL USED APPLIANCES!

Pick-Up & Delivery

In-Home Service Calls Too!

(734) 697-3206

Bemis Road @ Savage Roads

BONECUTTERS TREE EXPERTS, LLC

50% DISCOUNT IF YOU KEEP WOOD/BRUSH!

- Storm Clean Up
- Free Estimates
- Tree Topping & Trimming
- Tree & Shrub Removal
- Stump Removal • Bucket Service

Insured & Senior Discounts

CALL FOR A PROMPT FREE ESTIMATE

(734) 431-4202

"Real Estate with Real Service"

 **Angela Netro & Co. Real Estate**
734-697-6655
Fax: (734) 697-3531
P.O. Box 592, Belleville, MI 48112
Email: nettroandco@comcast.net *Broker*
<http://www.angelanetro.featuredwebsite.com>
 Residential * Commercial * Vacant * Repos * Short Sales



IMPORT AND DOMESTIC



Burhop's Collision
BODY AND FENDER REPAIR
COMPLETE GLASS INSTALLATION
(734) 699-3641
FAX: (734) 699-3856

112 Davis St.
Belleville, MI 48111

Towing Available
Open Weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Save 80% on DIVORCE
You can have confidence with CS&R
we have been proudly providing quality service since 1992

OUR PRICE IS AFFORDABLE
OUR SERVICE MAKES US THE BEST
WITH OUR DIVORCE SERVICE YOU DON'T GET A CONFUSING INSTRUCTION SHEET - WE GET IT DONE!!

CS & R DIVORCE & DISABILITY 734-425-1074 (or you can text to 734-221-0844)
WEBSITE: www.CSRdisability.com

WEST BRANCH BUILDERS



LICENSED INSURED

21321 KARR RD
BELLEVILLE, MI 48111

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
TIM BOWMAN

westbranchbuilders@yahoo.com PHONE 734-476-1098

Dave's Barber Shop
941-0123
MEN'S CUTS - \$15 LOW PRICES REMAIN
No APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!
WE'RE JUST 5 MILES FROM DOWNTOWN BELLEVILLE!
37148 GODDARD RD., ROMULUS
OPEN DAILY 8AM - 6PM, SATURDAY 8AM - 3PM

VISIT OUR PET ADOPTION EVENT NOVEMBER 16 11AM-3PM AT PETCO - WESTLAND!

Where Pets and People Meet. **734-461-9458**
Visit us @ **fmar1.org** and on 

Promoting a Healthy and Safe Environment for All.


Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

WE'RE AIR CONDITIONING SPECIALISTS!

 **Martin & Son**
Auto Repair
734-697-7765

Owner Randy Martin

Hours Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
401 Sumpter Rd
Belleville MI 48111

PRO PLUMBING  Free Estimates
Service & Repair
Drain Cleaning
Gas Lines & More

Licensed & Insured
Honest & Reliable

Caleb Windiate
734.307.6478
ProPlumbing734@yahoo.com

TOYS FOR TOTS 

The Belleville Independent is a drop off location for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Bring in your new, unwrapped toy to our office by 12 Noon on December 13 at: 152 Main St., Suite 9, Belleville, MI
We are located in the Professional Building (the old movie theater building) across from Mr. Goofy's Car Wash.

Dave's & Company Hair Salon
Full Service Salon
941-0123
CREATIVE ORGANIC COLORING & PERMS, BRAIDING, HAIR STYLING, UPDOS, SPECIAL OCCASIONS, WAXING.
CUT & STYLE FROM \$20, COLOR FROM \$50
OPEN DAILY 8AM - 6PM, SATURDAY 8AM - 3PM
37148 GODDARD RD., ROMULUS, MI 48174

AMERICA FIRST!

"A Liberal Will Cut Off Your Leg So They Can Hand You A Crutch!"

- Jim Brown
NFL Hall of Famer
Captain - U.S. Army



Paid for by: Freedom Speech - Veteran - Advocate.
Financing the Belleville Area since 1972. Charles E. Tackett II

David C. Brown Funeral Home

**SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR
OVER 35 YEARS**

**SERVING BELLEVILLE, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
& VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP**

Specializing in Celebration of Life Services.



460 E. HURON RIVER DR., BELLEVILLE, MI 48111

(734) 697-4500

David C. Brown, Manager • Shelly A. Brown-Chudzinski, Director

Complete Line of Monuments & Markers.

www.DAVIDCBROWNFH.com

Higginson & Neal Funeral Home

Continuing A Belleville Tradition Since 1932

**Bryan R. Hajciar,
Manager**

**209 Main Street
Belleville, Michigan 48111**

734-697-9400

VISIT US AT WWW.HNFFH.COM



734 - 482 - 6000
320 N. Washington • Ypsilanti, MI
Christopher Janowiak – Licensed Manager

734 - 699 - 6000
19865 Sumpter Road • Belleville, MI
Geoffrey Janowiak – Licensed Manager

janowiakfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service with Burial

Service Charge	\$4,890.00
Casket 5 colors made in U.S.A.	\$1,395.00
Grave Liner	\$700.00
Register Book Package	\$140.00
Total	\$7,125.00
Same Day Service	\$6,630.00

Funeral Service

with Cremation to Follow

Service Charge	\$4,890.00
Ceremonial Rental Casket	\$1,095.00
Register Book Package	\$140.00
Crematory	\$170.00
Cremation Authorization	\$75.00
Total	\$6,370.00
Same Day Service	\$5,875.00

Simplified Cremation

\$1,695*

*Certain restrictions apply.

**Includes arrangement conference,
local transportation, crematory,
cremation container,
website obituary
and video tribute.**



Service Charges to include Basic Service of Funeral Director and Staff, Embalming, Other Preparation of Body, Visitation at Funeral Home or Other Facility, Funeral Service at Funeral Home or Other Facility, Transfer to Funeral Home 30 mile radius, Hearse and Service Vehicle. Website Obituary and Video Tribute. Other charges may include sales tax, cemetery charges, newspaper notices, and vault company service fee.

Obituaries



Sr. Juliana Sobieski

SR. JULIANA SOBIESKI

(November 23, 1923 – November 5, 2019)

Sister Juliana Sobieski, SSJ-TOSF, age 95, passed away in Ohio. She was the beloved daughter of Alexander and Sophia (nee Witkowski) (both deceased); loving sister of the following deceased: Stanley, Alexander, Joseph, Casimer, Henry and Genevieve Toth; dearest aunt and great aunt of many.

Sr. Juliana is survived by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Third Order of Saint Francis, with whom she shared her life for 72 years. She served 31 years at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville. Friends called November 8 at St. Joseph Chapel at Marymount Congregational Home, 12215 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125 for visitation, followed by Mass of Christian Burial. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Marymount Congregational Home at the address listed above.



Shila Judy

SHILA JUDY

Shila Judy passed away at her home in Winter Haven, Florida, on Monday, October 28, 2019. Shila was a longtime member of both the Ypsilanti Moose Lodge and The Eagles. Shila retired from Ford Motor Company. She loved playing cards at the Romulus VFW and Walter's Bowling Alley. She leaves behind her husband Jim Judy of Winter Haven, Florida; grandsons, JR Prater (Linda) of Manchester, and Rob Prater (Kaki) of Taylor; three stepchildren, Jimmy Judy of Taylor, Bambi Hardy of Fort Walton, Florida, Joey Judy of Taylor; and four great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Helen Schoolmaster of Ypsilanti; both of her sons Joe Prater and Greg Prater of Ypsilanti; granddaughter Jennifer Prater of Ypsilanti; and great-granddaughter Madilyn Acklin of Ypsilanti.

There will be no service arrangements per her wishes. Shila always used to say, "Don't let things worry you. Put them in a box and forget about them."

PAISLEIGH SUE SISK-HENRY

(October 29, 2019 – October 30, 2019)

Born October 29, 2019 at University of Michigan-Mott Children's Hospital and passed away the next day. Daughter of Margaret Sisk and Richard Philip Henry III. Memorial gathering was on Nov. 9. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.



Betty Ann Oelke

BETTY ANN OELKE

(March 31, 1924 – November 9, 2019)

Age 95, of Tecumseh. Died peacefully early Saturday morning at the Tecumseh Place Assisted Living, November 9, 2019.

Betty is the beloved wife of the late Grant Oelke (d. 1986); loving mother of Robert (Sharon) Oelke of Adrian, Bette (Jack) Burgett of Atlanta and Brenda Ery of Tecumseh; cherished grandmother of Lisa, Scott (Jackie), Linsey (Dan), Jessica, Jeremy, Emily, Casey, Mike (Christine), Sean (Willow) and Sarah; great-grandchildren Samantha (Stuart), Genna (Shane), Colton, Tanner, Blake, Lily, Lanie, Levi, Hayden, Daniel and Sydney; great-great-grandchildren Charlotte, Madeline, Hudson, Rowen and Kayden. Mrs. Oelke is also survived by her sister, Marjorie Bock of Howell. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her daughter Bonnie Pinter and brother David Dunk.

Born on March 31, 1924 to David and Margaret Dunk in Detroit, Betty moved with her family to Milan, MI for a short time before her family settled in the Belleville area. After graduating from Belleville High School (class of 1942), she married her sweetheart, Grant Oelke, and they proceeded to raise a family after the war. Mrs. Oelke went to work as a "Rosie the Riveter" in the Willow Run bomber plants to support her country during the war. In addition to tending to her home and family, she was very respected in the Van Buren school system in her long-time position as the Principal's Secretary and Receptionist, ultimately retiring in 1985. In her spare time she enjoyed singing, including being part of the choir of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, and used her beautiful voice as a wedding singer. She also taught herself to play the piano, as well. Helping people and giving back to her community were always a top priority for her. She was involved with the American Red Cross and had the honor of a lifetime achievement award bestowed upon her. Animals were also a true love -- she raised mini-ponies for many years, and her dear dog "Cuddles" was always by her side. Betty had a true love of nature. She enjoyed many summers at the family cottage near Mio, where she could reflect on nature in a quiet setting, while gardening or maintaining the lawns. Mostly she loved her immediate and extended family, and would do anything for them. She will be truly missed.

In keeping with Mrs. Oelke's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged. She will be interred in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville in the future. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville
www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Nov. 14 – Keystone Academy board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed.
- Monday, Nov. 18 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 20 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

More Letters

Place your names on the 2020 ballot in Sumpter

To the editor:

Welcome friends, neighbors and visitors. My name is Ronald Barrington Robinson. I have lived in Sumpter Township for the past 21 years. I'm a retired lieutenant with the State of Michigan Department of Corrections with 23 years seniority. I'm an elected precinct delegate in Sumpter Township and an elected Trustee with the Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club.

I'm a strong advocate for the people and a college graduate. I have run for office as a trustee in 2016 and treasurer in 2018. I'm not concerned about my losses, it's the people I met along my journey that count.

My goals are to always do good for my community and fulfill the constitutional rights for everyone. It's apparent we cannot change negative behavior from the inside in our township. We must effect change from the grassroots levels.

We must continue to pray and rely on our Christian morals and values. Sumpter township is a beautiful place with thousands of great people. My friends, there is space for anyone that believes in transparency, fiscal responsibility, and honest, truthful government.

In both of my races, in talking with hundreds of citizens in this community they echoed the same messages. They are concerned deeply about the health and welfare of our community. They stated we want change with new honest people in

leadership roles.

I have been an outspoken critic of the leadership in Sumpter Township for the last four years. Because initially, before running for an elective office, I didn't know the problems being faced by so many township residents and the cash shortages by Sumpter Township as a result of reckless spending, because of township officials' apathy to do what's right and honest for the taxpayers and community.

We don't need another 150 years of nothings. We can accomplish great things for our small community, such as establishing a health-care facility so our residents do not have to travel miles to see health-care professionals.

We need a full-service grocery store, a dollar store. We must collectively do things for our youth so that they will want to stay in our community and have livable-wage jobs and places for recreation and raise families of their own in a safe environment. Let's open our gym up for youthful and community events. It now stays vacant 95% of the time. WHY?

We must look after our seniors and build senior housing. We must encourage businesses to establish roots in our community that will hire hundreds of our residents and supplement our out-of-control township obligations/spending that may include a state take over. Again, there is room for anybody that has the future in mind, not only for themselves but our community and families.

We have thousands of vacant acreages for growth, but still keep our beloved township rural. To build a sustainable future/township, we will need open, honest dialogue among all branches of our county. It will need the engagement of all stakeholders including

the private sector and civil society and especially the poor and marginalized. We, the people, have the power to redeem the work of fools.

Those that want a better tomorrow, I encourage you to place your names on the ballots for township offices in 2020 and beyond. We know what we have here in Sumpter Township: a board that collectively has been in office for over 150 years. We, the tax payers, have paid them hundreds of millions of dollars and continue to pay them millions in salaries and benefits.

Look around. What do you see that they have accomplished for the people and our community in 150 years? Nothing. If you want the same nothing, vote for them. If you want a better community, be that change

agent for a better tomorrow and vote for new people to lead us into a future that is good for everyone, not just a select few.

Sumpter Township is a jewel. We sit between three connecting interstate highways. We have two major international airports at our doorsteps for travel and commerce. Sumpter Township could have a much better future if we all work together.

Government must be of the people, for the people, and by the people. We, the people, elect leaders not to rule but to serve honestly with transparency, fiscal responsibility, and accountability. "Never bow to any dictatorial government" Give me liberty or give me death.

Ronald Barrington Robinson

Sumpter Township Precinct Delegate



BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH

810 E. HURON RIVER DR. BELLEVILLE, MI | 734.697.7456
Sunday | Adult Bible Fellowship & Children's Sunday
 School 9:45am | Morning Worship 11am
Wednesday | Kids & Teens 6:45pm | Bible For Life 7pm
 Visit bethanybiblechurch.com for more info

RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

16650 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Worship Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Family Night: 7:00 p.m.
 Boys & Girls Ministries, Youth, College & Career, and Seniors Ministry.
 Visit rol-ag.com (734) 699-6700

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

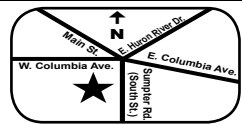
409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111
 (734) 697-1211
 • Saturday Mass: 6:00pm
 • Sunday Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am
www.stanthonybelleville.com

Would you like to have your church listed in this directory?
CALL ADVERTISING MANAGER BOB MYTYCH AT 734-699-9020 TODAY!

Ridge Road Church of Christ

1770 Ridge Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198
 Sunday Bible Study 10 AM, Worship 11 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship 6 PM
www.ridgeroadcoc.org (734) 485-2930

HONESTY IS OUR POLICY!



LONNIE'S

Auto Repair

AT 5-POINTS

NEW CUSTOMERS GET

10% OFF LABOR DURING OUR:

GET-TO-KNOW-YOUR-FRIENDS-TRUSTWORTHY-RELIABLE-AUTO-MECHANIC-SALE

WITH COUPON • LONNIE'S AUTO COUPON EXPIRES 11-30-19^{BAI}

DISC BRAKE SPECIAL

PREMIUM PADS & ROTORS, INCLUDES LABOR, STARTING AT \$225 OR LESS!

Most Cars. Restrictions Apply.
 WITH COUPON • LONNIE'S AUTO COUPON EXPIRES 11-30-19^{BAI}

SENIORS, VETERANS & ACTIVE MILITARY TAKE

10% OFF YOUR TOTAL BILL

WITH COUPON • LONNIE'S AUTO COUPON EXPIRES 11-30-19^{BAI}

LET'S GET READY FOR WINTER!

HEATER CORE FLUSH \$39⁹⁹

Plus Coolant
 WITH COUPON • LONNIE'S AUTO COUPON EXPIRES 11-30-19^{BAI}

50 South Street at 5-Points, Belleville • 734-325-7065

Open Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm

ASK ABOUT OUR R.V. & BOAT STORAGE

We Now Accept Credit & Debit Cards, Cash & Checks!

THE Bake Shoppe

17416 Savage Rd.
 Haggerty • At Bemis
 Sumpter Twp., MI 48111
 (734) 699-2236

R.V. & Boat Storage
 Mon 10-6, Tues - Fri 6-6
 Sat. 7-4, Sun 7-2

Est. in 1995



TAKING ORDERS THRU SUN., NOV. 24!

PIES: Cherry Crust, Apple Crust, Cherry Streusel, Carmel Apple Streusel, Lemon Meringue, Banana Cream, Chocolate, Coconut Cream, Pumpkin, Peanut Butter Pie.

Strudel, Pineapple Upside Down, Cannolis, Angel Wings, Eclairs, Pastries, Coffee Cakes, Pumpkin Rolls, Custard Puffs.

CAKES FOR ALL OCCASIONS - CAKES ON HAND

CHEESECAKES - A Variety of Flavors!

ORDER EARLY!

Rye, Marble, Pumpernickle, White, Italian, Hard Rolls & Potato Wheel – 36 Rolls.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES ARE IN!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM ALL OF US AT THE BAKE SHOPPE!

OPEN NOV. 27 UNTIL 2 P.M., CLOSED 28-29

kmart

discover more
@ [kmart.com](https://www.kmart.com)

DISCOUNTS AT THIS STORE ONLY

BELLEVILLE • 2095 RAWSONVILLE ROAD

STORE CLOSING

SAVE 25% TO 70% OFF & MORE ON EVERYTHING!

STORES LOADED FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING, TRIM-A-TREE, TOYS, JEWELRY AND MUCH MORE!

Now Hiring, Full & Part Time Seasonal Help, apply in store or online @ <https://jobs.sears.com>

STORE FIXTURES, FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT FOR SALE NOW!

ALL SALES FINAL. NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES. WE ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS, VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, K MART AND SEARS CARDS. WE ACCEPT K MART GIFT CARDS. DISCOUNTS DO NOT APPLY TO PHONE CARDS, PHARMACY, TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND PREPAID GIFT CARDS. SOME FOOD ITEMS ARE EXCLUDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW. INVENTORY IS LIMITED TO STOCK ON HAND. 10K GOLD JEWELRY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL DEAL FLASH OR DEPARTMENT 36, 236 AND 436 MERCHANDISE IS MARKED AT THE PRICE AFTER ALL DISCOUNTS. THIS STORE IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN CURRENT K MART CIRCULARS.

kmart | A SHOP YOUR WAY® PARTNER

NOT A MEMBER? JOIN TODAY-IT'S FREE! [kmart.com/shopyourway](https://www.kmart.com/shopyourway)

More Letters

Appreciation for Sumpter Collision

To the editor:

I want to publicly proclaim my appreciation for Sumpter Collision. Twice now I have needed their services. My car is older and I am concerned about increased insurance premiums, especially with a college-age driver on our plan.

I asked if the out-of-aligned pieces could be just pushed back in place. Most collision shops would insist on ordering parts and charging big fees. The manager Kevin was able to manipulate the parts back in place. Both times now Kevin did a great job and charged me nothing!

The first time I insisted on some kind of payment, so he requested a bottle of sweet tea. Today, he worked long and hard in the cold on that quarter panel, and requested only a that I buy lunch for his crew.

Kevin has been courteous, kind, and a true gentleman. He is incredibly knowledgeable and has decades of experience working on automobiles. He saved me hundreds of dollars on repairs and undoubtedly thousands in increased insurance bills.

Thank you, Jim Chudzinski, for operating a reputable, honest business and hiring people of great integrity. I couldn't be happier with the service I received and will gladly recommend your business to everyone.

Susan Walker
Belleville

Talk at the library is on Monarch butterflies

To the editor:

Monarch Butterflies at the library!

Thursday night (Nov. 14) at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, librarian Amy Greschaw will tell us about her trip to central Mexico to witness the Monarch butterfly migration. That incredible

butterfly migration fascinates me. I hope to see many of you at the talk.

Marty Wilson
Van Buren Township

P.S. The Old library will be open at least

through Jan. 11 and, hopefully, the New library will open in the latter half of February!

**One Call Does It All . . .
. . . At the Independent
699-9020**



White Pine
DENTAL HEALTH
Your Smile Comes First!
Affordable, Kind, and Convenient.

Call Us Today: (734) 252-6002 187 Main Street, Downtown Belleville
www.WhitePineDentalHealth.com

Meet our Dentist: Dr. DeAngelo S. Webster is an award-winning dentist, author, and a University of Michigan graduate.

• Now Booking New Patients •
Open Evenings and Weekends
Family Friendly Dentist for Adults and Kids



Dave's & Company
37148 Goddard Rd., Romulus, Michigan 48174

EYELASH EXTENSIONS
LIGHTWEIGHT, DARKER, FULLER,
NATURAL LOOKING, SOFT TO TOUCH,
PREMIUM SYNTHETIC LASHES. MEDICAL
GRADE ADHESIVE WITH IMPROVED RETENTION
FOR SENSITIVE EYES. ALL HYPOALLERGENIC.
CUSTOM LOOK FOR EVERY FACE.

Call
941-0123
For An
Appointment

GREAT SPECIALS Full Set — **\$56.00** Reg. \$80.00
Fill — **\$40.00** Reg. \$60.00 OFFER EXPIRES 11-30-2019



Lunch & Learn

Location:
Hidalgo
Mexican Restaurant
333 Industrial Park Dr.
Belleville MI 48111
(Behind Family Dollar)

Please join us on:
November 18th, 2019
From 1pm to 3pm

Cost:
FREE

VISIT
WWW.AGIRLNAMEDEGYPT.ORG

**SEEKING INFORMATION
RELATING TO THE DEATH OF**
EGYPT COVINGTON
Van Buren Township | Friday, June 23, 2017

JUSTICE FOR EGYPT
ANY INFO CONTACT;
1-800-SPEAK UP
OR CONTACT
CRIMETIP@VANBUREN-MI.ORG



**Master Hearing Care Practitioner,
Vicki Harvey, will be discussing
the effects that hearing loss has
on your overall health, as well as
your relationships.**

**SEATING IS LIMITED.
PLEASE RSVP BY
NOVEMBER 15th
Call 734-256-4113**

 **Belton**TM

Belleville
889 Sumpter Rd.
734-256-4113

Ann Arbor
4076 Packard St.
734-389-8725

Ann Arbor
283 S. Zeeb Rd., Suite F
734-274-6794



www.BeltonHearingAid.com

ORPHAN OF THE WEEK CHESTER



Meet **Chester**, a very special pup! He's a 2 year and 4 month old mixed breed with tons of feel good energy to share. **Chester** has a happy and friendly demeanor with a spring in his step and love to share in his heart. He loves rear-end scratches, trying to hold the leash himself for walks and chewing up toys. Life is good! **Chester** does have some health issues that make him a special needs pet. He came to the shelter with a horrible skin condition that we couldn't seem to make better. It was finally decided to do allergy testing and the results were very enlightening. Poor little **Chester** is allergic to almost everything, we won't lie we thought of putting him into a bubble upon hearing this news. With lots of investigating, work and care a plan was put into place to help this itchy little pup. His allergies include dietary and environmental triggers so a special home-made diet (there are a few store bought brands he can also eat) and daily allergy medication is his new normal routine. His skin has cleared up considerably and he continues to improve. He will need the same food and medication routine in his fur-ever home so adopting him will entail a little more work and care than most pets. **Chester** will more than make up for the extra work with his positive, happy and lovable nature. If you have room in your life for a special pup like **Chester** call to meet him today; he's already neutered, vaccinated, and micro-chipped. Call **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** today at **734-461-9458** to make an appointment or visit our website **fmar1.org** for more information.

LAND CONTRACT — WESTLAND

**Two bedroom ranch
with large garage.
Neat and clean!
\$105,900.**

Call Liz Slovik. 313-402-0187

**AERO REALTY
35890 Goddard Rd.
Romulus, MI 48174**



GARDEN FANTASY Greenhouse

43250 TYLER ROAD (1.25 Miles East of Belleville Road)

YOUR HOLIDAY DECORATING HEADQUARTERS!



**FALL CEMETERY
CONES, MUMS,
GRAVE BLANKETS,
WREATHS &
ROPING**

Call ahead for custom orders.

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING LOCAL!

**SQUASH, GOURDS
& INDIAN CORN**

**ALL CEMENT STATUARY
IS 20% OFF!**

**OPEN: MONDAY – SATURDAY 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.
CLOSED ON SUNDAY**

(734) 697-1765



Fax: (734) 699-0505



MANAGERS SPECIAL

**10% OFF PARTS
& LABOR***

For All Services Up To \$40 Off

*Excludes Discounted or
Special Pricing.

With Belleville Independent Coupon.
Expires November 30, 2019

**FREE WINTER
MAINTENANCE
INSPECTION!**

WITH APPOINTMENT ONLY.

With Belleville Independent Coupon.
Expires November 30, 2019

**50% OFF OUR
NATIONWIDE TIRE
ROAD HAZARD
PROGRAM**

SEE STORE FOR DETAILS!

- State-Certified Mechanics • Oil Changes • Tune-Ups •
- Brakes • Shocks/Struts • Front-End Work •
- Alignments • Batteries • Charging Systems •
- Radiator & Transmission Fluid Changes •
- Check-Engine Light Diagnostics •

LOCAL SHUTTLE AVAILABLE!

For Faster Service, Make An Appointment.

Firestone

America's Tire Since 1900

BRIDGESTONE

THE NEXT REVOLUTION IN TIRES

... AND MANY OTHER TIRE BRANDS

AT COMPETITIVE PRICES

**EXPRESS TIRE
AND AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**

10625 Belleville Road, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-2424

Gov. Whitmer re-appoints Brigette Robarge to Human Trafficking board

On Friday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced appointments to various state boards and commission, including the appointment of Brigette Robarge of Belleville to the Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board.

Robarge is the lead mentor for trafficked youth at Common Ground and a member of the Joint Anti-Trafficking Task Force of Southeastern Michigan. Robarge is reappointed to represent a human trafficking survivor, for a term starting Jan. 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2023.

The Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board was established to collect and analyze information concerning medical and mental health services available to survivors of human trafficking; identify state, federal and local agencies that are involved with issues relating to human trafficking; and coordinate the dissemination of information concerning medical and mental health services available to survivors of human trafficking in this state. The Board may establish a program to improve public awareness of medical and mental health services available to survivors of human trafficking in this state.

This appointment is not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

**St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women
Holiday Festival
Saturday, November 23rd.
10:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.**

Craft Show
Start your Holiday Shopping Early

Holiday Luncheon
Soup, Sandwiches,
Hot & Cold Drinks
Snacks

Bake Sale
Get your
Holiday Goodies

Christmas Gift Basket

50/50 Raffle
Door Prizes
Every half hour

Come visit the North Pole
visit with Santa
and Mrs. Claus
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
and receive a special treat

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
Holy Family Center
9425 Whittaker Rd.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

**OIL
CHANGE
SPECIAL!
\$29.95***

**Includes synthetic blend up
to 5 quarts, filter, 25 point
inspection, battery test,
coolant test, etc.**

***By appointment only.
Add a tire rotation for an
additional \$10.**

Ask About Rebates on Select Tires.

We Accept Competitor's Coupons.

HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAYS

8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Exam set for Lang after threatening to kill police officers, two judges

A preliminary exam on one count of False Report of Threat of Terrorism (a 20-year felony) and one count of Habitual Offender-Fourth Offense Notice (a five-to-15-year felony) is scheduled for Nov. 15 for James Bernard Lang, 55, of Van Buren Township.

Lang was arraigned by 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack of Wayne and the case assigned by the state to 35th District Court in Plymouth for a probable cause conference, which was held Nov. 8 before Judge Ronald Lowe.

Lang's preliminary examination has been set for 8:30 a.m. Nov. 15 before 35th District Court Judge James A. Plakas in Plymouth.

The case was reassigned from the 34th District Court since Lang is accused of making threats against two 34th District Court judges.

After calling the VBT Dispatch Center with threats to kill police officers and the two judges, Lang was arrested without incident at his Haggerty subdivision home in VBT on Oct. 21.

VBT Director of Public Safety Gregory Laurain said the township resident, identifying himself as Lang, called the dispatch center with the threats several times around 3 a.m. on Oct. 20.

Lang began threatening police and judges over a recorded line within the dispatch center. He threatened to kill VBT police officers and two judges at the court several times during a series of calls to dispatchers and supervisory personnel on duty at the time.

Director Laurain said Lang has a history of past violence.

29th District Court Judge Mack set his bond at \$100,000/10% with GPS tethering if released and mandatory alcohol testing.

SPECIALIZING IN LARGE AND HAZARDOUS REMOVALS

PROFESSIONAL TREE SERVICE

24 Hr. EMERGENCY SERVICE
TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL
STUMP & SHRUBBERY REMOVAL
CRANE SERVICE • FIREWOOD
FULLY INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES
SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

EMERGENCIES & BELLEVILLE AREA
Call Tom (734) 864-2243
10% OFF MENTION AD
Call Joe (734) 664-9285



WILLIS FEED MILL

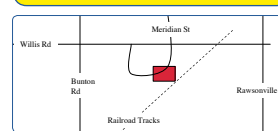
Food Plot Seed & Feed

- Dog and Cat Food
- Wild Bird and Squirrel Food
- Certified Organic Products
- Hay and Straw • Poultry Food
- Horse and Livestock Feed

Like Us On



HOURS:
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM • SAT 9AM-5PM
SUN 12PM-4PM



10200 Railroad Street, Willis, Michigan

(South end of Meridian St, off Willis Rd, Between Rawsonville and Bunton)

We look forward to seeing you soon.

(734) 461-1111

willisfeed@att.net

BEST CHIMNEY & ROOFING CO.

OUR 50th YEAR! OUR 50th YEAR!

★ CHIMNEYS BUILT - REPAIRED & CLEANED

★ SCREENS INSTALLED

★ TUCK POINTING

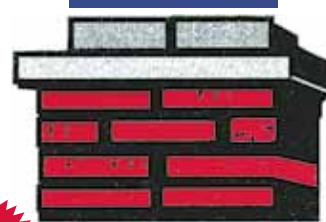
★ ROOFING & GUTTERS

★ RESIDENTIAL

★ COMMERCIAL

★ VIOLATIONS CORRECTED

Since 1962



WE DO PORCHES

WORKERS COMPENSATION & GENERAL LIABILITY TO PROTECT HOME OWNER

FREE ESTIMATES
LICENSED • INSURED
STATE LIC # 40800



SERVING BELLEVILLE & SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

www.bestchimneyandroofing.com

734-242-2992

WE'RE OPEN MON.-FRI. 8AM-6PM, SAT. 8AM-NOON

Schedule Your Appointment Today!

AMC ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER
OF VAN BUREN

ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER of VAN BUREN
Scott Driscoll, DVM Keri Dasher, DVM
491 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
734-699-6510
www.amcvanburen.com

Accurate Dental Denture Inc.

"Serving the Belleville and Van Buren community for over 20 years with quality and caring service."

CROWNS • ROOT CANALS • EXTRACTIONS • FILLINGS
WHITENING • BONDING • DENTURES (SOFT & FLEXIBLE)

Quality Dentures at Affordable Prices!

HEALTHY KIDS DENTAL
Accepting Blue Cross Complete, United Health, Molina, Meridian & Medicaid!

SENIOR & MILITARY DISCOUNTS

SAME DAY DENTURE REPAIRS
Immediate Dentures and Flippers Available.

734-697-5477
781 Sumpter Rd. Belleville (IN BELLE PLAZA)

COMPLETE DENTURE or PARTIAL \$399⁹⁹ CALL FOR DETAILS WITH COUPON EACH

NEW PATIENT SPECIAL \$49⁹⁹ Includes Exam, Cleaning & X-Rays WITH COUPON



ANGEL OF HOPE CEREMONY

Each year on December 6th around the world, parents pause to remember their beloved children that have died before them. Join us at the Angel of Hope Statue at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville for this special annual event.

Hillside Cemetery is located at 46795 Denton Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Friday, December 6th at 7:00 pm

Dress warmly as we will be outside for the entire ceremony.

Call the Brown Family Center to have your child's name included in the reading.

Hot Cocoa will be provided to help you stay warm.

Sponsored by the David C. Brown Funeral Home and the Brown Family Center

BROWN FAMILY CENTER

678 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111

734-697-5090

GREAT HOLIDAY FINDS!

BHS CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

Proceeds benefit the Senior Class!

SATURDAY, NOV. 23
10 AM - 2 PM
BELLEVILLE HIGH
SCHOOL COMMONS

501 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI
No admission fee. Enjoy a wide
range of crafters and vendors!

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



There are still a few seats available for Beltone Hearing Center's Lunch & Learn event at Hidalgo Mexican Restaurant in the Davenport Plaza on Monday, Nov. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. Vickey Harvey, Beltone Master Hearing Practitioner, will be discussing the effects of hearing loss and other topics. Call (734) 256-4113 and see their ad in today's paper.

Jamie's Attic is conducting an estate sale this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16 at 874 Heather Dr. in Ypsilanti. Items include vintage items, furniture, household, tools, and a 1999 Saturn station wagon. The house itself will also be for sale. Visit www.jamiesattic.com and call (734) 771-4537.

The Belleville High School Senior Class will be holding a holiday craft and vendor show on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the BHS Commons at 501 W. Columbia Ave. Admission is free. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the BHS Class of 2020.

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ypsilanti is holding its annual holiday festival craft show, also on Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holy Family Center on church grounds. A luncheon will be available with soup and sandwiches, a bake sale, 50/50 drawing, door prizes and other raffles. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is put

on by the St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women.

The Bake Shoppe on Savage at Bemis Road is taking orders for Thanksgiving through Sunday, Nov. 24. Belleville's small local bakery is offering dozens of pies, cakes, streusel, donuts, breads, rolls and cheesecake. Christmas cookies should be ready, too. They're open until 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Wednesday and closed Nov. 28-29. Call (734) 699-2236.

The Kmart store-closing sale continues this week with savings from 25-70% off on everything. The store on Rawsonville Road is loaded for holiday shopping, including trim-a-tree items, toys, jewelry, clothing and more. See their full-page ad in today's paper.

Congratulations to the Belleville High School football team for its 67-14 victory over Woodhaven last Friday to capture the Division 1 District Championship. The Tigers improved to 11-0 and will host West Bloomfield in the Regional Championship title game this Saturday, Nov. 16, beginning at 1 p.m. at BHS. Admission is \$6 per person. The winner will advance to the MHSAA state semi-finals next weekend to face the Brighton/Hudsonville winner at a neutral location. Go Tigers!

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

— Ronald Reagan



"Tree of Remembrance"

A time of reflection and commemoration of our loved ones

Monday November 25th

7:00 p.m. outside Memorial Ceremony

At the
Brown Family Center
678 E. Huron River Dr.
Belleville, MI 48111

Refreshments will be available inside beginning at 6:30pm

Bring a weatherproof ornament to place on the tree and dress appropriately for the weather.

---Call 734-697-5090 for more information---



Dudek Heating & Cooling

Service and Installation

Licensed and Insured • Free Estimates • Furnaces • Boilers
Air Conditioning • Duct Work • Humidifiers • Water Heaters
Generators • Electrical • Plumbing

Keith Dudek : Owner
11681 Rawsonville
Belleville, MI 48111

Office: (734) 461-6165
Cell: (734) 730-9733



Beyond **THANKFUL** and full of **GRATITUDE!**
Thank you to all my clients and friends for
allowing me to help you buy or sell a home in 2019!

Janice Marshall
Realtor & Resident
of Van Buren Twp. 25 yrs.

Cell: 734-218-3768

janiceremera@comcast.net

REMERICA
HOMETOWN III

6231 N. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48187

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

AUCTION

874 HEATHER DRIVE YPSILANTI

**FRIDAY, NOV. 15 10AM-5PM &
SATURDAY, NOV. 16, 10AM-4PM**
Conducted by Jamie's
Attic. Packed estate sale
with vintage, furniture,
household, lots of tools,
& car: 1999 Saturn Station
Wagon. House will be
for sale as well. Visit
www.jamiesattic.com
(734) 771-4537

PUBLIC AUCTION

U-Lock-It Self Storage LLC

6130 Rawsonville Rd.,
Belleville, MI 48111
(734)-482-1502

Notice is hereby given that on 11/23/19
at 12:00 P.M. thru 11/27/19 at 12:00 P.M.
contents of the following storage unit(s)
will be sold on line at:

Bid13.com

SPACE #F 25, Bettie Thomas

Unit(s) may or may not include the
following: household items, recreational
items, appliances, furniture, seasonal
decorations, and tools.

Published: November 14, 2019
November 21, 2019

NOTICE OF AUCTION AT J&T CROVA TOWING

287 Industrial Park Dr.

Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 699-0584

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Year	Make/Model	VIN
2014	Ford Focus	1FADP3E28EL311115
2002	Ford Explorer	1FMZU73E52UA69138
2009	Ford Fusion	3FAHP08Z69R211997
1998	Chevrolet Blazer	1GNDT13W5W2140032
2013	Ford Fusion	3FA6P0HR3DR333653
2002	Pontiac Montana	1GMDU23E52D324741
2008	Chrysler Sebring	1C3LC55R28N642554
2005	Chevrolet Equinox	2CNDL73FX56113000
2007	Ford Fusion	3FAHP07ZX7R184043

These vehicles were towed by the Sumpter Police
Department. Publish: November 14, 2019

FREE

FREE FILL. Delivery available.
(734) 697-1183. Yost Sand & Gravel.
Belleville. TFN

LOTS OF FREE FURNITURE: futon
frame, chairs, 4-tables, bookcases, twin
bed, etc. (734) 941-9567 11/21

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: 60" Sony
Stereo TV & also a 27" for someone. Both
in working order. Call (313) 378-8328
and/or leave a message. You must pick
up. Belleville area. 11/28

FOR SALE

FOOD GRADE BARRELS – Various
sizes & styles. Inventory & pictures
at www.mattsbarrels.com Call/text
(734) 474-5981. Located in Willis. 12/19

CEMENT MOLDS: 60" Greek
Bench & 24" Bird Bath. \$650 for
both. Pays for themselves in one
pour. (734) 941-5008 11/21

2-CEMETERY PLOTS at Chapel of
Memorial Gardens on Willow. \$2,500 for
both. (313) 534-7503 11/21

72" COUCH W/PILLOWS. Style
Collection from Art Van. Like new. Small
tweed. (734) 697-1622 11/21

1950 CARDINAL SEWING MACHINE.
X-SHAPE. Over 50 attachments. \$300.
1920 Singer Heavy Duty Cast Sewing
Machine. \$100. (734) 941-5008 11/21

2-OSCILLOSCOPES, 5". Heath kit &
ELC0427 with probes. 100K & 500K.
Both for \$150. (734) 941-5008 11/21

COLEMAN GAS POWERMATE, 5,000er
Generator. \$400. (734) 753-4524 11/28

BLACK POWDER RIFLE, 50 caliber w/
scope, \$350 OBO. AR15 w/scope & extra
clips, \$700 OBO. Tap beer cooler, \$75
OBO. (734) 461-9699 11/28

VEHICLE FOR SALE

2009 JEEP LAREDO 4x4. Excellent
running condition. 147,000 miles. \$5,000
OBO. (734) 699-1373 11/21

2007 CHEVY WAGON, H.H.R., 6-cyl,
auto, steering & brakes, air. Actual
mileage. Private owner. Lady owned.
Asking \$2,750. (734) 695-0819 11/21

2008 PONTIAC G-6, 4-door. Very clean.
Full power & air, 6-cyl. Actual mileage.
Private owner. \$2,450. (734) 695-0819 11/21

HOUSE FOR RENT

4-BEDROOM, full basement, 1½ baths
in Haggerty Sub. \$1,150 + utilities. Good
credit. (734) 730-1928 11/21



**The Belleville Independent is a drop off
location for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for
Tots Program. Bring in your new, unwrapped
toy to our office by 12 Noon on December 13
at: 152 Main St., Suite 9, Belleville, MI
We are located in the Professional Building (the old movie
theater building) across from Mr. Goofy's Car Wash.**

WANTED

H & W TOP DOLLAR \$

**Cash For Salvage &
Scrap Vehicles.
7 Days. Free Towing.
Licensed & Insured.
(734) 223-5581**

WANTED – ANY SIZE MEN'S JEANS
for the homeless. Please drop off at
Bladez's 601 E. Huron River Drive.
(734) 697-5600 TFN

WANTED – SMALL CONTAINERS
of shampoo, toothpaste, etc. to take
to homeless in Detroit. Drop off at
Bladez's, 601 E. Huron River Dr.
(734) 697-5600 TFN

CASH PAID for sports cards and comic
books. '50s, '60s, & '70s. Private collector
can come to you. (734) 697-3546 11/14

Notice to Advertisers:

The *Belleville-Area Independent* will not be liable
for failure to publish an ad as requested or for more
than one incorrect insertion of an advertisement.
In the event of any error or omission in printing or
publication of an advertisement, you must notify
us within five days of publication or on the date of
insertion, if an ad is scheduled as part of a package,
so there is time to correct subsequent publications.
The *Independent's* liability shall be limited to an
adjustment for the cost of the space occupied by the
error with a maximum liability being cancellation
of the cost of the first incorrect advertisement or
republishing of the corrected advertisement. Under
no circumstances shall the *Independent* be liable for
consequential damages of any kind.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this
newspaper is subject to the Fair
Housing Act which makes it illegal to
advertise "any preference, limitation
or discrimination based on race, color,
religion, sex, handicap, familial status
or national origin, or an intention, to
make any such preference, limitation
or discrimination." Familial status
includes children under the age of 18
living with parents or legal custodians,
pregnant women and people securing
custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly
accept any advertising for real estate
which is in violation of the law. Our
readers are hereby informed that all
dwellings advertised in this newspaper
are available on an equal opportunity
basis. To complain of discrimination
call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777.
The toll-free telephone number for the
hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



SERVICES

A&L SERVICES

**Home Improvement &
Handyman Service**
Painting, Drywall, Carpentry,
Electrical, Plumbing,
Ceramic Tile, Kitchens & Bath.
**Serving Belleville Since
1995. Call Aaron Schultz
@ 734-740-0628**

M.D. APPLIANCE SERVICE

Refrigerators • Washers
Dryers • Ranges
\$40 House Call

Call Monday-Friday, 9am-4:30pm

(734) 782-3354

PLUMBING • SEWER DRAINS • HANDYMAN

**Gutters Cleaned!
Power Washing!
CALL US!**
**Local To The
Belleville Area. Call
(313) 740-6276.
Ask For Bill.**

FIREARM TRANSFERS \$40

Consignments-Buy-Sell-Used-New

Email: FFL48111@gmail.com

Call or Text: 734-740-0746

LOCAL HANDYMAN – SOME Jobs too
LARGE – NO JOB too SMALL.
LICENSED & REFERENCES.
(734) 765-9224 TFN

LARRY'S HANDYMAN SERVICE.
No job too small. Interior/exterior
painting, hang wallpaper, power washing
& carpentry. (618) 267-7774 03/26

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE.
Powerwashing, painting, deck staining,
roof & gutter leaks, landscaping & window
cleaning. (734) 796-3628 11/21

I WILL PROVIDE elder care, cleaning,
shopping, errands, & appointments.
Dependable. (734) 406-4618 11/14

**One Call Does It All . . .
. . . At the Independent
699-9020**

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Nov. 14** – Homegrown Knowledge series at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library features “Monarch Butterflies in Mexico” presented by Librarian Amy Greschaw. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. No charge. Refreshments.

• **Sunday, Nov. 17** – Free Sunday Music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Today the music is by Jay/Sax.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 19** – Dine to Donate at JT’s Pub & Grub from 11 a.m. until closing. A percentage of your bill will be donated to Belleville Community Chorus. JT’s is located near the corner of E. Huron River Drive and Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township. Must bring a flyer, which have been put out around town.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 20** – “Vaping 101: What’s Important to Know” class at Belleville High School Auditorium, 6-7 p.m., put on by St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

• **Saturday, Nov. 23** – A Clone is Born II begins at 10 a.m. at the Belleville Library Program Room. Learn how to grow fruit trees with the help of a certified arborist. Must register. Call (734) 699-3291.

• **Saturday, Nov. 23** – Craft & Vendor Show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Belleville High School commons is a fund raiser for the Senior Class. No admission fee.

• **Sunday, Nov. 24** – Free Sunday Music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior

Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Today the music is by Waco Band.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 26** – Caregiver Cafe is set from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Head Start Library at Haggerty School, 13770 Haggerty Rd. Bring questions on foster grandparenting vs. guardianship, financial options for seniors/relatives, support services for families, legal issues, medical assistance, utility assistance, pre-education assistance. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Info: Monica Bancroft (734) 785-7708.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 26** – Belle Noelle Bonfire and opening of the Tree Festival at the Belleville Area Museum, 5-7 p.m. Tree festival runs through Dec. 21.

• **Saturday, Nov. 30** – The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train is scheduled to head through Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville this evening, sometime after it leaves its last stop in Windsor around 6:30 p.m. No one knows exactly when it will fly through this area, but many stand by to watch it go through. No stops in Michigan.

Birthdays

Nov. 16 – Mendie Russell, Evelyn Dabney, Pete LaFramboise

Nov. 18 – Richard Estermyer, Pat Berkamp

Nov. 20 – Karina Herring

Nov. 24 – Lillian McArthur

Do you have a birthday in November? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at (734) 699-9020 and let us know. We’ll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

AREA TRAINEE for local Real Estate Firm. For appointment call. (734) 697-1800 TFN

PART-TIME HELP on local farm. (313) 350-6875 11/14

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED

HAIRSTYLIST WANTED. Clientele waiting. (734) 941-0123 11/14

CAREGIVER. Female preferred. Must have references & transportation. Flexible hours. (734) 391-8242 11/14

HELP WANTED

Quest, Inc. is HIRING

We’re looking for fun, energetic & caring Direct Care Workers to assist persons with special needs we serve in their own homes. Starting wage \$11.30 per hour for trained staff.

Applicants must be:

- **Responsible & committed and work well with others.**
- **Have a clean criminal record.**
- **Be available for training. MORC/WCCMH/CLS Training is preferred.**

Send Letter/Resume to:
recruiter@questserv.org
or Call (734) 458-8140



Taking part in the dedication of the Marvin S. Pittman Room were, from left, Lincoln Consolidated Schools Superintendent Sean R. McNatt, Eastern Michigan University Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies & Research Wade Tornquist, and Lincoln Board of Education Vice President Jennifer Czarchorski.

Lincoln Consolidated School District dedicates Marvin Pittman Room

On Oct. 31, Lincoln Consolidated Schools dedicated the Marvin S. Pittman Room within the Central Office suite. The room is used for district and community meetings.

School Supt. Sean McNatt, Board Vice President Jennifer Czarchorski, and Eastern Michigan University Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research Wade Tornquist were on hand to celebrate the visionary work of Dr. Pittman.

In November 1922, Dr. Marvin S. Pittman from the Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) and Dr. Charles McKenny, president of the college, held a meeting in Willis, MI to propose a partnership between the college and the community.

The proposal was to form a new school district with a K-12 school building located in Augusta Township.

Dr. Pittman was a nationally known proponent of what was termed “Rural Education” – bringing the academic and physical advantages

of city schools for the betterment of the rural students and community.

Michigan State Normal would oversee the district and the new school would become a “laboratory school” by which college students who were interested in becoming teachers would gain classroom training at the new district.

Two votes were held and passed by the local district residents in 1923. By approval of the measure the students of the area would now enjoy bus transportation, school cafeteria, gymnasium, library, auditorium, science rooms, and electricity.

On Oct. 31, 1924, Lincoln Consolidated Schools opened its doors to 500 young and excited students. Consolidation of 13 one-room school houses made Lincoln the first multi-township school in Michigan and the first rural consolidated school in the nation affiliated with a teacher training college.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, is seeking sealed bids for snow removal of sidewalks, driveways, handicap ramps using Wayne County grant monies.

Bids must include the following:

- 1) Commercial Vehicle insurance for all vehicles used.
- 2) List of equipment used to provide snow removal.
- 3) Employer Federal Tax I.D.
- 4) Copy of Business License.
- 5) List of all drivers and their drivers’ license numbers.
- 6) Liability insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. To be provided also from each contractor, if subcontractors are used to provide snow removal.
- 7) Workers compensation certificate if employees are used to provide service.
- 8) Payment to be supplied from Wayne County Grant Funds-all regulations to be complied with.
- 9) Sealed bids to be submitted to Township Clerks Office by November 22, 2019 at 3:00 pm. Bids to be opened November 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

The Township of Sumpter is an equal opportunity employer.

Publish November 14, 2019 and November 21, 2019

School Board

(continued from page 1)

\$7,972,611 on June 30, 2018 to \$8,766,856 on June 30, 2019. The June 30, 2019 ending fund balance of \$8,766,856 is 15.38% of expenditures.

This fund balance would fund the district for 30.45 days based on a 180-day school year. The state average is 13.42% fund balance (not counting Detroit Public Schools) which would fund 24.15 of a 180-day school year.

The number of students counted for September state aid membership in 2018-19 was 4,619, the lowest since the 5,030 for the 2014-15 school year shown on the chart presented by Payne. Supt. Kudlak pointed out it was higher than that in the years previous to 2014-15.

Her charts also showed student aid, determined by the foundation allowance times each student counted, came to \$8,004 in the 2018-19 school year, up from \$7,422 in the 2014-15 school year.

Sixty-eight percent of the general fund revenue comes from the state foundation grant and property taxes and 82% of the revenue goes for salaries and benefits.

She pointed out the \$794,245 added to the fund balance last fiscal year showed that revenues exceeded expenditures.

The Food Service fund balance was \$654,756, and Payne said the department is very well run and there was revenue of \$30,000 over expenditures. She said the state doesn't want Food Service to have more than what amounts to three months of expenditures on hand, so it has to be spent on various items for the department.

Payne said the Athletic Department, which the state merged with the general fund a few years ago, had expenditures of some

\$640,000, with about \$400,000 coming from a general fund contribution and \$150,000 from department revenues. This is about the same as the previous year.

She also discussed health-care and retirement liabilities.

Also, at Monday's 62-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the termination of Andrew Szuma from the Transportation Department after less than one year of service as of Oct. 31;

- Approved hiring the following non-instructional employees: Ashley Mazure, as a Paraprofessional for Student Services, as of Oct. 28; Rebekah Contreras as a Social Worker at Owen Intermediate, as of Nov. 4; and Jennifer Kroger as a Food Service Worker at Belleville High School as of Nov. 11;

- Heard a presentation by Edgemont Elementary School Principal Fred Abel and teacher Melinda Rafail on one of the school improvement initiatives being worked on this year. They told of the Instructional Rounds that pairs schools to look at each other's teaching techniques. Edgemont was teamed with Brown Elementary in the Huron School District and learned about Nellie Edge, where letters and sounds are taught through music and movement, a sign language, which they demonstrated. This has raised comprehension at Brown and has been started with the Kindergarten at Edgemont;

- Learned a social worker has been hired for Owen and a third-grade teaching position filled at Rawsonville, completing staff needs;

- Heard Curriculum Director Jeff Moore announce that a \$5,000 STEM grant from RESA and Carnegie was received by Savage Elementary. Only six schools in Wayne County received a like grant;

- Heard Moore say the sixth graders heading to camp in the morning will have a great time in the snow. [Later, after Supt. Kudlak cancelled school because of icy roads, buses were not running, so the camp was cancelled for Tuesday. It was announced later that the buses will run on Wednesday and the camp will go on as planned until the students come home on Friday, as planned.];

- Learned a GIS informational meeting was set for 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 21 for parents and students to learn about the class that will be taught by EMU scholars next semester. A BHS teacher will learn how to teach the course so it can be offered as a regular course;

- Heard Finance Director Cortese announce she went to a seminar on zero-

based budgeting and she will be looking at that budgeting for some departments at first. She said the procedure helps root out expenses that are in place simply because they always have been; and

- Heard Kudlak say that on this Veterans Day he wanted to say that they appreciated all the sacrifices the veterans have made. He also wanted to thank the voters for approving the bond, which was passed by 56% who voted. He also noted this is the second November in a row that the football team has brought excitement to the district and it will be playing West Bloomfield at 1 p.m. Saturday at the BHS field for the regional title. He said these are the two, top-rated teams in division one.

FALL TOP SOIL SPECIAL

INCLUDES TAX & DELIVERY

1 Yard \$52⁷² 2 Yards \$65⁴⁴ 3 Yards \$78¹⁶ 4 Yards \$90⁸⁸ 5 Yards \$103⁶⁰ 6 Yards \$116⁸²	7 Yards \$129⁰⁴ 10 Yards \$202²⁰ 14 Yards \$255⁰⁸
---	--

YOU PICK UP
\$12⁷² PER YARD

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL

BUY FROM WHERE THE LANDSCAPERS BUY!

- SAND • SLAG
- LIMESTONE
- PEA PEBBLE
- DECORATIVE STONE
- LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES

Website: yostsandandgravel.com

Email: yostsandandgravel@gmail.com

YOST SAND & GRAVEL

734-697-1183 45697 Ecorse Rd. • Van Buren Twp.

The Law Office of

Amy M. Eversale

• Estate Planning • Probate • Criminal Law
• Family Law • Property Law

152 Main St. Suite 11
Belleville, Mich. 48111 Call 734-718-8574
www.amyversalelaw.com

BEER & WINE AVAILABLE - DRIVE-THRU PICKUP!

CHINA KING

45915 S. I-94 Service Dr., Belleville

Next to the Belleville Post Office

(734) 699-1550

See our menu online at chinakingbelleville.com

LUNCH • DINNER

Best Buffet Around!

HOURS

MON.-THURS. 11AM-10PM

FRI. 11AM - 11PM

SAT. 12PM-11PM

SUN. 12PM-10PM

10% OFF

Any Entree (Includes Carry Out Orders)
or Buffet Purchase Per Person

DINE-IN OR CARRY OUT
Chinese & American Food

CHINA KING COUPON

COUPON EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30, 2019



They're reading the Independent everywhere

Bob and Carol Schank of Belleville read their *Independent* on a Viking Rhine River Cruise docked at Heidelberg, Germany.

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

If you aren't going to an exotic location, just send us \$30 for postage to an address inside Michigan or \$35 out of state, and we'll provide mail delivery of the *Independent* so you won't miss a single, exciting issue.



City of Belleville Public Notice



PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BELLEVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE PENALTY OF JUVENILES WHO VIOLATE CITY OF BELLEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES



The Belleville City Council will conduct a public hearing on November 18, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda will permit. The hearing will be conducted at the City of Belleville City Hall, located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public regarding an Ordinance to "regulate the penalty of juveniles who violate City of Belleville code of ordinances".

Pertinent information is available for review at Belleville City Hall during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council at the above address prior to the meeting. Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. November 18, 2019. After that time and date, they may be hand-delivered to the City Council at the November 18, 2019 public hearing.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: November 7 and 14, 2019



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township, Michigan
CDBG Senior Center Masonry Repair
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For

CDBG Senior Center Masonry Repair
PROPOSALS DUE: November 19, 2019 BY 2:00 p.m.

Sumpter Township is requesting proposals for Masonry repair to the existing Senior Center building as part of a CDBG Federally Funded Project.

Proposals shall be received by the Sumpter Township Clerk's office at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 no later than 2:00pm, November 19, 2019.

The Request for Proposals packets are available for pickup at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office at 23480 Sumpter Road and at Hennessey Engineers, Inc. at 13500 Reeck Road, Southgate, MI 48195.

Publish: November 14, 2019

*To build a better world,
start in your own community!*

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Senior Specialist

Department: Senior Center

Classification: Part-Time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

Open Until Filled

Starting Hourly Wage: \$11.00 - \$11.50

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for a Senior Center Specialist

Position Summary

The Senior Center Specialist is a part-time position under the supervision of the Senior Director, assists in the planning and implementation of programs and activities for senior adults. Responsibilities include supervision of volunteers and other part-time paid personnel, general counseling and referral, transportation, nutritional services, records, evaluation, policy procedures and publicity.

For Detail information visit www.vanburen-mi.org

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org.

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer

Publish: November 7, 2019; November 14, 2019

To build a better world, start in your own community!

City of Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows Applications for Assistance Begin Mon, Nov 4th

Applications to receive assistance for the 2019 Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows Christmas Food and Toy Distribution Program will begin 9am Monday, Nov 4th.

Application forms will be available 24/7 at the Van Buren Township Police Department front desk.
(46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Twp)

Printable forms will also be available online on the Van Buren Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org.

Program is open to City of Belleville and Van Buren Township residents only (Sumpter Twp has their own Goodfellows program)

You may:

Pick up a form and apply immediately at the police dept.
or

Take home a form or download a printable form to fill out and apply at the police dept front desk between
9am Mon, Nov 4th and 3pm Fri, Dec 6th

YOU MUST APPLY IN PERSON AT THE POLICE DEPT WITH PROOF OF RESIDENCY

(Drivers license, State ID or current utility bill showing name & address).

CALL-IN, MAIL-IN OR E-MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Applications for assistance will close Friday, Dec 6th at 3pm.

For more info or questions about the Goodfellows program, contact Pam Fleming at 734-260-4150 weekdays 9am-3pm

Thank-you
Pam Fleming, Coordinator
Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 448 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov 3:
0008 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
0127 – domestic, Ash Dr.
0321 – domestic, Meadows Cir.
0541 – hospice death, Harmony Ln.
0856 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1129 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd. / N. Ponderosa Trl.
1321 – 911 welfare check, Birch Dr.
1454 – assist other dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.
1642 – parking complaint, Trilogy Clubhouse
1728 – disorderly, Ash Dr.
1914 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2011 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2013 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fret Rd.
2016 – missing person, Rolan Meadows Dr.
2035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz/Lohr
2206 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
2217 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
2248 – traffic offense, E. Sadie Ln.
Monday, Nov. 4:
0202 – threat, Tyler Rd.
0703 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
0717 – larceny from auto, Lake Point Blvd.
0741 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
0803 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dorchester Dr. / Eagle Dr.
0938 – animal complaint, W. Sadie Ln.
0938 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1114 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1151 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1218 – larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1223 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.
1241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
1255 – suspicious person/vehicle, Paloma Dr.
1307 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1311 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1319 – fraud, Outer Dr.
1401 – assist other dept., S. Bellridge Dr.
1603 – animal complaint, Peachtree Ln.
1751 – domestic, Holly Ln.
1923 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.
2028 – suspicious person/vehicle, Greenwood Ct. / Greenbriar Dr.
2107 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
Tuesday, Nov. 5:
0129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fay Dr.
0536 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0621 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookview Dr.
0639 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Riggs
1007 – property damage accident, Coca-Cola Dr.
1013 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1028 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1030 – ordinance violation, Elwell Rd.
1138 – 911 welfare check, S. Purple Sage Ct.
1159 – ordinance violation, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1204 – dumping complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1336 – abandoned auto, Belleville/Yost
1406 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1440 – road hazard, Belleville/S. I-94 Service Dr.
1634 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1734 – noise complaint, Locust Dr.
1745 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1746 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1754 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1844 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Ecorse
2107 – threat, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2107 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton Ct.
2153 – family trouble, Peninsular Dr.
2334 – suspicious person/vehicle, Southport
Wednesday, Nov. 6:
0415 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0743 – animal complaint, Robson Rd.
0920 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1030 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1108 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1249 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1300 – suspicious person/vehicle, Purple Sage Ct.

1316 – private property impound, Haggerty Rd.
1401 – abandoned auto, Denton Rd.
1436 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1557 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
1651 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1829 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake Cir.
2016 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildbrook Dr.
2033 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.
2213 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2216 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2226 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
2323 – domestic, Belle Pointe Dr.
2351 – malicious destruction of property, McBride
Thursday, Nov. 7:
0343 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
0911 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
0951 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1023 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1425 – suicidal person, Savage Rd.
1517 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1550 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
1654 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
1700 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1653 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Bemis
1706 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1727 – traffic offense, Belleville/I-94
1924 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren Ln.
2015 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beacon Trl.
2019 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
2031 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2212 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodside Ct.
2300 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
2335 – noise complaint, Holly Ln.
Friday, Nov. 8:
0241 – harassment call, S. Purple Sage Ct.
0927 – road hazard, Beck Rd./Van Born Rd.
1029 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1041 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1057 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.
1121 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1142 – court detail, Plymouth
1326 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1444 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1615 – disorderly, Spruce Ln.
1847 – malicious destruction of property, Briarcliff
1854 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2034 – larceny, Beckley Rd.
2140 – assist other dept., rest area
2138 – domestic, Union St.
2225 – K-9 call out, McKean
2232 – suspicious person/vehicle, Christina Ln. / Packard Ct.
2332 – K-9 call out, McKean/Martz
Saturday, Nov. 9:
0109 – noise complaint, Ironwood Dr.
0958 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1112 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Sadie Ln.
1237 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1327 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1430 – larceny from auto, S. Timberview Dr.
1554 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Cumberland
1723 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2132 – noise complaint, Sugarbush Ln. / S. Ponderosa Trl.
2138 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2211 – retail fraud, Belleville
Also on the log are 167 traffic stops, 56 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 3:
1256 – traffic offense, Main/High
1321 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
1603 – missing person, Menlo Park Dr.
2104 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Owen
Monday, Nov. 4:
1112 – fraud, Main St.
1439 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.
1451 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave./Edison Ave.
1547 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1649 – domestic, Robbe St.
1752 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
2009 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bell Cove Ct.
2320 – threat, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Nov. 5:
1344 – property check, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1557 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fourth St.
1718 – welfare check, Main St.
Wednesday, Nov. 6:
0852 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1310 – warrant arrest, Plymouth
1757 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1942 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
2243 – suspicious person/vehicle, Water Works
Thursday, Nov. 7:
1130 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1605 – personal injury accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Wexford Ave.
1929 – threat, Anaheim
1039 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2101 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
2135 – disorderly, Wexford Ave.
Friday, Nov. 8:
0434 – motorist assist, Main St.
0815 – property damage accident, E. Davis/South
1013 – welfare check, Main St.
1229 – road hazard, Huron River Dr./W. Columbia
1247 – ordinance violation, Church St.
1422 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2112 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
Saturday, Nov. 9:
0952 – traffic offense, Johnny’s on the Lake
1007 – suspicious person/vehicle, Masonic Lodge
1131 – property check, Main St.
1135 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
1333 – traffic offense, Main/Fifth
1438 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main
1441 – malicious destruction of property, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1521 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont St.
2028 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
2233 – animal complaint, Oxford Ct.
Also on this week’s log are 54 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 3:
0450 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
0643 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl. Fenster Rd.
0826 – missing person, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1054 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1307 – 911 hang up, Birch
1601 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1823 – warrant arrest pick up, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1945 – reckless driver, Elwell/Wear
2211 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Monday, Nov. 4:
0857 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1317 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sherwood
1341 – alarm, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1513 – identity theft, Washington
1539 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1614 – malicious destruction of property, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1659 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1755 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
2120 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
Tuesday, Nov. 5:
0347 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0740 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Boyd Dr.
0803 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0857 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0928 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1051 – larceny, 18000 bl. Boyd Dr.
1142 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1151 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1302 – larceny, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1501 – larceny, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
Wednesday, Nov. 6:
0648 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Willis
0837 – abandoned vehicle, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0840 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1329 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1448 – alarm, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1449 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1547 – juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1619 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1659 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1709 – alarm, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
Thursday, Nov. 7:
1039 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1236 – fraud complaint, Nevada
1306 – citizen assist, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1509 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1547 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
1558 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1649 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Bemis
1826 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
2007 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2159 – runaway juvenile, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Friday, Nov. 8:
0059 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1005 – well-being check, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1014 – abandoned vehicle, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1035 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1253 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1328 – neighbor dispute, Country Club Blvd.
1343 – suspicious incident, Country Club Blvd.
1727 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1742 – suspicious person, 48000 bl. Timbers Park Ct.
1834 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2033 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
2226 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
2250 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
Saturday, Nov. 9:
0616 – death investigation, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
1222 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1255 – citizen assist, Country Club Blvd.
1521 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1623 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1716 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1753 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
1932 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Bemis
2035 – suspicious incident, Edgewood Dr.
Also on this week’s log are seven follow-up investigations, 25 miscellaneous details, 43 patrol checks, and 53 traffic stops.

Dog, three cats perish in house fire on Van Born Road on Tuesday morning

At about 4 a.m. Tuesday, a neighbor called 911 to report a house fire on Van Born Road in Van Buren Township after the lone female occupant crawled from the burning home and ran next door for help.

VBT Fire Marshal David McNally said the woman, in her mid to late 60s, was awakened by a smoke alarm and crawled out the front of her house because the smoke was so thick. She sought help from her neighbor.

Fire Marshal McNally said Van Buren Township fire fighters responded and were assisted with mutual aid from Romulus and Canton fire departments.

He said the woman was taken to Beaumont Wayne Hospital where she was treated for smoke inhalation and was released later that morning.

He said there was a dog and three cats that were in the home and they are believed to have perished.

McNally said the roof on the single-story house was unstable so the home is considered a total loss.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation as of the *Independent’s* Tuesday noon deadline.

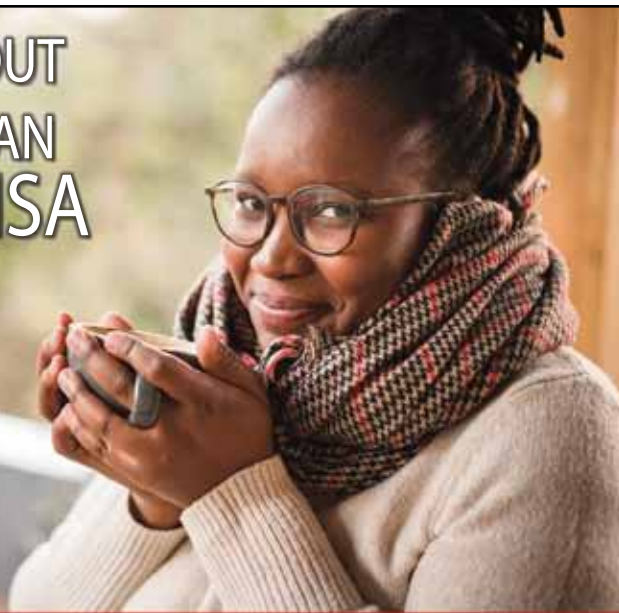
Shots fired after traffic crash on Rawsonville, suspect in custody

At about 4:45 p.m. last Thursday, Sumpter Township Police were dispatched to the area of Rawsonville Road south of Bemis Road on reports of shots fired following a traffic crash.

Prior to officers arriving on the scene the alleged shooter had fled on foot near the Augusta Woods mobile home community, but was quickly located and taken into custody, according to a Nixle alert from Sumpter police.

Michigan State Police and Van Buren Department of Public Safety were also on the scene in response to the incident, according to the Nixle alert.

ASK US ABOUT
HOW YOU CAN
USE YOUR HSA
AND FSA
DOLLARS!



**DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR HSA AND FSA
DOLLARS BEFORE THEY EXPIRE!
ASK ABOUT DISCOUNTS ON SECOND PAIRS!**

Dr Robert Kennedy, O.D.
11824 Belleville Rd
Belleville, MI 48111

734.699.1010

perspectiveeyecare.com



Find us on

*Some restrictions apply. Contact Perspective Eyecare for details.



Belleville High School students Alexandria Matheny, at left, and Rachelle Frederick, right, have signed to play softball at Henry Ford Community College next year. Seated between them is Henry Ford Head Coach.

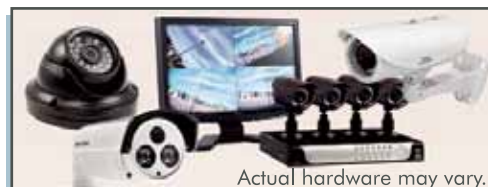
IS YOUR BUSINESS
A TARGET
FOR **BURGLARS?**

734-697-2888



Get SERIOUS about your Security!
WE CAN PROVIDE A REAL SOLUTION
for BOTH your Business & Home...

- Remote Control-View-Playback
- Email / Smartphone Alerts
- PC / Mac Support
- No monthly fees



Actual hardware may vary.

\$1500

Includes:

- Installation
- 4) HD Cameras (bullet or dome)
- 19" Monitor
- DVR (2TB)



innovative
COMPUTERS
Full-Service IT • Networks • Cameras

A veteran-owned company, supporting Michigan businesses since 1995.

Serving Metro Detroit to Lansing • InnovativeComputers.net

30% OFF HUNTING GUNS – NOVEMBER 1ST – 15TH!

DAVE'S TREASURE TROVE
Private Sale Cash or local checks

Hunting Gear
Guns, Bows
Knives
Fishing Poles
Fishing Lures
Lionel Trains



(734) 699-4438
Tuesday - Saturday
Noon to 5 PM

Sports
Memorabilia
Tools and
Collectibles
Boating
Accessories

668 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111



**LADIES ONLY
CPL CLASSES
ONLY \$99**

**INCLUDES PISTOL RENTAL, EYE/EAR PROTECTION, TARGET AND
ALL COURSE MATERIALS.**

**COME AND JOIN OUR LADIES ONLY CPL CLASS -
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2019**

COME IN STORE AND SIGN UP NOW!

T-REX ARMS LLC
44800 N I-94 SERVICE DRIVE, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
WWW.TREXARMSBELLEVILLE.COM

T: 734-325-7898



RE/MAX

CROSSROADS III

418 Main Street

Belleville, Michigan 48111

email: mrsold@mrsold.com

GLENN SILVENIS

www.MrSold.com

SELL PHONE (734) 740-3000

Office (734) 699-4000

COMMERCIAL SUBSCRIBER TO LOOPNET & COSTAR

TOP 1%
REAL ESTATE SALES
IN THE USA

#20 IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
(2019 REAL TRENDS
TRANSACTION SIDES)



DO NOT BE OVERCHARGED - NO DOCUMENT STORAGE FEES - NO COMPLIANCE FEES - NO JUNK FEES

EXTRA FEATURES



13731 ELWELL, VAN BUREN TWP
LARGER 5 BEDROOM, 3 Bath Ranch with Large Living Room, Fireplace, Solarium Room, Deck, Basement, Newer Roof, Newer 90+ Furnace and Central Air, Separate Living Area with Bedroom, Bath and Second Kitchen. \$239,900

BOOMING WITH ROOM



48024 BEMIS, VAN BUREN TWP
ORIGINAL OWNER 2,500 Square Foot Brick Colonial Offering 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Hardwood Floors Everywhere, Large Family Room with Fireplace, Basement, Huge Fenced Yard, 2 1/2 Car Garage. \$242,900

ONE GREAT BUY



15751 MCCANN, SOUTHGATE
A CREDIT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. This one is an Extra Clean Brick Ranch, with 3 Bedrooms, One Bath, Partial Finished Basement. Large Lot with 2 1/2 Car Garage. Near Schools and Shopping. Priced to Sell at \$115,000

GREAT DEARBORN HOME



844 N YORK DEARBORN
STORY BOOK LOOK! Brick Home featuring Hardwood Floors, Deck, Basement, New Roof 2018, Newer 90+ Furnace, Newer Water Heater, Central Air, Windows and Whole House Generator, 2 1/2 Car Garage \$169,900

FOR LEASE



520 SUMPTER RD, VAN BUREN
CONVENIENT, Most Affordable and Close to Everything. Larger 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Colonial with Large Yard, Minimum Credit Score of 600 w Acceptable Employment and Rental History - No Smoking, No Pets. No Exceptions. \$1,025 mo

YES - ANN ARBOR



4401 PARK RD, ANN ARBOR
RARELY OFFERED SCIO TOWNSHIP Brick Farm House Featuring Four Bedrooms, Two Baths, Enclosed Front Porch, Living Room, Dining Room, Attached Garage, Huge Basement on Large 1.4 Acre Parcel Complete with Outbuildings and Large Barn. Just Minutes From Downtown Ann Arbor. \$309,900

4,224 SQUARE FEET



23560 SUMPTER, SUMPTER TWP
RESIDENTIAL OR INVESTMENT opportunity Possible Residential, Day Care, Group Home, Apartments or Your Ideas Large front covered porch. Large Covered Patio & fireplace and patio area. Fire System. 1 Large Kitchen, 2 Apartment Kitchens, 5 Bathrooms. 1 Car Detached Garage. A Best Buy at \$225,000

1 ACRE + POLE BARN



17164 RENTON, VAN BUREN TWP
LARGE COUNTRY HOME on more than an Acre. Just minutes from expressways and shopping. Open Floor Plan with Huge Rooms, Wood Flooring, Fireplace, Rear Patio, Fire Pit with 2 1/2 Car Detached Garage PLUS Pole Barn. A Quite and Serene Setting with Mature Trees and the Best of Nature. \$214,500.

PRIME LOCATION



18571 SAVAGE, SUMPTER TWP
ONE BEAUTIFUL YARD With Open Space, A Natural Pesticide Free Garden and Mature Trees. 1,762 Square Foot Updated Colonial featuring 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, New Carpet and Paint, Open Kitchen and More. 1 Plus Acres on Paved Street Just Listed and Priced to Sell at \$209,900

FOR SALE OR LEASE



500E HURON RIVER DR, BELLEVILLE
HIGHEST QUALITY BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE. Former Florist, Bakery and Coffee House. Potential for Franchise Opportunity and Immediate Occupancy. It's QUALITY, POTENTIAL AND DESIGN! For Sale at \$799,000 or Lease at \$5,000. Month Double Net.

THREE PARCELS A MOST BEAUTIFUL
PROPERTY 20+ ACRES WEAR RD \$175,000
TORREY 2.48 AC PERC & SURV \$48,000
VACANT RAWSONVILLE 2.6 AC \$95,000
44235 WEAR - TWO 2.6 AC Each \$30,000
SUMPTER EXETER TWP 8 ACRES \$65,000

VACANT SUMPTER & WILLIS COMM & RESIDENTIAL ZONING 25 ACR \$250,000
JUDD 10 ACRES SUMPTER TWP \$100,000
SAVAGE 1 ACRE SUMPTER TWP \$45,000
25817 SUMPTER 80X529 .97 AC \$20,000
SHERWOOD 37.55 AC BY WEARS \$145,000

WILLIS SUMPTER 1.14 ACRES \$60,000
28710 SUMPTER ROAD \$10,000
VACANT BALL ROMULUS .34 AC \$19,000
GRANT ROMULUS 1.8 ACRES LT IN \$72,000
HAGGERTY 1.5 AC VAN BUREN \$70,000
VACANT LOUISA "DREAM LOT" \$70,000

7 PARCELS ON THE CORNER OF BEMIS AND MARTINSVILLE. PRICED \$50,000 TO \$60,000 EACH. BUILD YOUR DREAM
VACANT 50115 BOG 29 ACRES \$160,000
MORTON TAYLOR 1.8 ACRES \$30,000
HURON TWP VAC ASH .87 ACRES \$70,000

HURON TWP VAC CLARK .74 ACRES \$65,000
HURON TWP VAC CLARK 1.12 ACRE \$75,000
HURON TWP VAC OTTER 2.94 ACRES \$80,000
HURON TWP VAC BELL 2.48 ACRES \$75,000
HURON TWP VAC BELL 2.48 ACRES \$75,000
HURON TWP VAC ASH .87 ACRES \$70,000

Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc.
9800 Belleville Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

734-697-9161
www.atchinson.net



GET A
\$25 VISA®
PRE-PAID
CARD WITH
ANY TEST
DRIVE!



SEE A
SALESPERSON
FOR DETAILS!



2019 FORD FLEX
24 month lease for \$213 per month*
OR 0% APR + \$2,750 cash.



2020 FUSION SE
24 month lease for \$155 per month*
OR 0% APR + \$2,000 cash.



2019 RANGER
SUPERCREW 4x4
24 month lease for \$167 per month*
OR 0% APR + \$2,500 cash.

PAYING TOP \$ FOR
YOUR TRADE-IN!



2019 F-150 CREWCAB
XLT LUXURY 4x4
24 month lease for \$163 per month*
OR \$7,500 cash.



2020 EXPLORER
4WD XLT
24 month lease for \$281 per month*
OR 0% APR + \$3,000 cash.



2017 FORD
F-150
Comes with Limited
Comprehensive Warranty!
\$30,665

* WITH APPROVED CREDIT FOR RETURNING A/Z PLAN LESSEES, INCLUDES MODEL RENEWAL AND/OR COMPETITOR REBATES. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT. 10,500 MILES A YEAR FOR 24MO. PAYMENT PLUS TAX, \$2000 DOWN, PLUS FIRST PAYMENT TAXES, TITLE, DOC. FEE AND LICENSE DUE AT SIGNING. EXPIRES 11/30/2019